

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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PETROL PUMPS AT HIGHWAYS

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the public sector oil companies and National Highway Authority of India are at daggers drawn on the issue of petrol pumps on highways and the problems created by these petrol pumps;
- (b): if so, the main reasons of the dispute;
- (c): whether the Union Government have formulated any policy for installing the petrol pumps on highways including the infrastructure needed;
- (d): if so, the details of the policy; and
- (e): the efforts being made by the Government to resolve the dispute?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) had asked the public sector oil companies to rectify the deficiencies in respect of the retail outlets (petrol pumps) on highways, in line with the Indian Roads Congress code IRC:12:1983. Hitherto, all the retail outlets set up by these companies on the national highways followed IRC:12:1983 norms. However, different aspects, including problems relating to the existing retail outlets on the highways as well as the new retail outlets, that may be set up along the highways, have been discussed among the authorities/agencies concerned. A broad agreement in certain areas has also been reached. MORTH is in the process of finalizing new norms for future retail outlets.